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BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION OF ALABAMA,

FOR 1852.

The Convention met in the meeting house of the Siloam Baptist Church in the town of Marion, Perry County, Ala., at 10 o'clock a. m., on Saturday Nov. 6th. 1852. Hon. Wm. P. Chilton, President, took the Chair, and read the 35th chapter of Isaiah. Prayer by Elder T. G. Keene.

Letters from the following bodies were read and the delegates took their seats, from

ASSOCIATIONS:

Alabama—I T. Tichenor, C. F. Sturgis, P. H. Lundy, W. D. Martin, J. A. Norwood.

Autauga—J. I. Lamar, C. M. Boothe, A. W. Chambliss, W. Wilkes.

Bethel—E. G. Talbert, A. Holmes, J. Reeves, J. Talbert, A. A. Connella, Edward Baptist, E. G. Baptist, Jas. Woodfin, Sr., L. L. Fox, H. Adams.

Cahawba—P. E. Collins, J. Sansing, J. Crawford, J. W. Crenshaw, L. Smith, A. P. Johnson, A. Ford.

Canaan—W. C. Harris.

Cherokee—Letter and funds.

Central—J. D. Williams, L. Marbury.

Coosa River—H. E. Taliaferro, J. A. Collins.

Liberty (East)—J. Parks, T. G. Freeman.

Little Bigbee River—E. B. Teague, M. B. Clement, D. P. Bestor.

Pi. ...—P. Stout, C. W. Hare, K. Hawthorn.

Salem—W. H. McIntosh.

Tuskaloosa—Funds.

Tuskegee—W. P. Chilton, J. W. Echols, A. Williams, S. Henderson.

West Florida—Letter and funds.

CHURCHES.

Bethany, (Lowndes,)—P. H. Lundy.

Bethesda, (Chambers.)—I. Parks.

Big Spring, (Shelby.)—Funds.

Concord—J. Reeves, E. G. Talbert, A. Holmes.

Center Ridge—C. F. Sturgis, A. M. McIver, R. P. Lide, J. P. Williams, D. R. Lide.

County Line, (Dallas,)—P. Stout.

Fellowship—J. H. Smith, E. E. Trammel, T. K. Barton, T. L. Vaughn.

Friendship—Funds.

Grant's Creek—Joshua Foster.

Hopewell—C. Billingslea, J. Evans, D. Cole, J. Hogue.

Montgomery—I. T. Tichenor, W. D. Martin, R. Figh.

Mount Pleasant, (Perry.)—M. Phillips, J. S. Ford.

Mobile—T. G. Keene.

Newbern—W. T. Hendon, R. Holman.

Providence, (Dallas.)—J. Dennis, C. M. Cochran, J. A. Norwood.

Providence, (Sumter.)—T. Adams.

Pilgrims' Rest—W. M. McCulloch, D. R. Shearl, A. Ford.

Siloam, (Marion,)—T. F. Curtis, J. H. DeVotie, H. Talbird, A. W. Chambliss, A. B. Goodhue.

Sumterville—D. P. Pestor.

Selma—A. G. McCraw, W. Wilkes.

Spring Hill—N. Smith, E. J. Palmer, L. B. Lane, A. A. Connella.

Salem, (Greensboro,')—R. Holman, J. S. Seal.

Union Town.—Jas. Woodlin, Sr., A. G. Hudson, J. G. Hudson, J. Gouldman, L. L. Fox.

Wetumpka—J. D. Williams.

OTHER BODIES.

Judson Female Institute Missionary Society—C. P. Jones.

Old Town Missionary Society—G. H. Kerse.

Ladies of the Gainesville Bible Society—J. G. Robertson.

Contributors to the Missionary Box at Colirene—P. H. LUNDY.

Ladies Society of Providence Church—E. B. TEAGUE.

Blountsville Home Missionary Society—Funds.

LIFE MEMBERS.

D. Gordon, L. Y. Tarrant, M. P. JEWETT, E. Fagan, J. B. Nave, W. N. Wyatt, D. Hogue.

CORRESPONDING BODIES.

Board Foreign Missions Southern Baptist Convention—J. B. TAYLOR, Cor. Sec.; ELI BALL.

Board Domestic Missions Southern Baptist Convention—T. F. CURTIS, Cor. Sec'y.

Bible Board Southern Baptist Convention—J. R. GRAVES.

Southern Baptist Publication Society—PLATT STOUT, Agt.

NOTE.—Ministers names in SMALL CAPITALS.

RECAPITULATION.

There was represented in Convention, 15 Associations, 21 Churches, 6 other Bodies, 4 Corresponding Bodies; by 92 Delegates and 3 Corresponding Messengers; making a total representation of 95, of whom 43 were ministers.

REMARK.

Compared with last year, there was, Associations 2 less; Churches, 7 more; other Bodies, 1 more; Corresponding Bodies, same; Delegates, 30 more; Corresponding Messengers, 4 less; total number in Convention 26 more.

Bro. CHILTON stated, that he could not again serve as President.

Bro. H. TALBIRD was elected President, PLATT STOUT re-elected Recording Secretary, and E. G. TALBERT appointed Assistant Recording Secretary.

A letter enclosing Five Hundred Dollars, from bro. William Jenkins, of Talladega county, was read and ordered to be printed. [See Appendix A]

Appointed brethren Chilton, Lundy and Keene, to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention.

The Pastor and Deacons of Siloam Church, with brethren Cochran and Robertson, were appointed a committee on the religious services of the Convention.

Ministering brethren present, not members, were invited to seats in the Convention.—Adjourned until 2 o'clock, p. m. Prayer by bro. Lundy.

SATURDAY, 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by brother Hawthorn.

The Center Ridge Church having sent up a contribution for that purpose, it was ordered, that the name of Elder C. F. STURGIS be enrolled on the list of Life Members of the Convention.

The President announced the following Committees, to report during the present session, viz:

On the State of Religion—Lundy, A. Williams, Hawthorn.

On Letters and Documents—Taliaferro, Cochran, Gordan,

On Periodicals—Tichenor, Reeves, Robertson.

On Claims—R. P. Lide, Wyatt, Martin.

The use of the pulpits of the Methodist and Presbyterian meeting houses, was kindly tendered to the Convention, and accepted.

Voted, that the next meeting of this Convention be held with the Selma Church, in the town of Selma, Dallas Co., on Saturday before the 1st Lord's day in November, 1853.

Appointed Corresponding Delegates to the Georgia Baptist State Convention, to be holden at Atlanta, on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in April, 1853, to wit: brethren W. H. McIntosh, C. W. Hare, T. F. Curtis, C. F. Sturgis, David Gordon, Kedar Hawthorn, J. G. Shorter, Cullen Battle, P. M. Callaway, P. H. Lundy.

To the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, brethren Jas. B. Taylor, Cor. Sec'y F. M. B. S. B. C., and T. F. Curtis, Cor. Sec'y D. M. B. S. B. C.

On motion, brethren Chilton, Keene and Chambliss, were appointed a Committee to nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, to be held in the City of Baltimore, on Friday before the second Lord's day in May, 1853, they being appointed delegates by the Convention.

Ordered that any member in attendance upon this Convention, who may be at the session of any of the bodies, with which she corresponds, by presenting a copy of these minutes, shall be authorised to represent this body.

Appointed E. Baptist, N. Smith, and Heedon a Committee to nominate preachers before the next Convention.

Resolved, That this Convention open a correspondence with all the Associations in this State, and that a committee of three be appointed to nominate the Corresponding Mes-

sengers. Brethren Chambliss, Hawthorn and J. A. Collins appointed said committee.

The Committee on Religious Services reported the following order of services, for to-night and to-morrow:

Anniversary Sermon on Saturday night, by bro. S. Henderson. On Lord's day, Missionary Sermon at 11 o'clock, A. M., by bro. W. H. McIntosh. Sermon at the Methodist meeting house, 11 o'clock, A. M. by bro. D. P. Bestor.—Missionary meeting at Baptist meeting house at 3 o'clock, P. M.; brethren J. P. Taylor, T. F. Curtis and D. P. Bestor to deliver addresses. Sermon to the Colored people at the Presbyterian meeting house, at 3 o'clock, by bro. Eli Ball.

Adjourned until 7 o'clock P. M., at which time would be delivered the Anniversary Sermon. Prayer by bro. Jewitt.

SATUNDAY NIGHT, 7 O'CLOCK.

Met at the time, and for the purpose stated in the act of adjournment.

The Anniversary Sermon was preached by bro. Samuel Henderson, according to appointment of last Convention and arrangement of the Committee on Religious Services. The evening being inclement, the audience was comparatively small: but fixed attention and manifestation of deep interest clearly indicated their appreciation of the clear, logical and forcible arguments and persuasive appeals, skilfully presented.

The Convention then adjourned until Monday ½ past 9 o'clock, A. M.

LORD'S DAY, NOV. 7.

The services of the day were all performed at the hours, and by the brethren designated. The Sermons and addresses were delivered with a power and unction, that made it an occasion of peculiar enjoyment. It was as "the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion;" the recollection of which, we are persuaded, will long continue to affect the hearts of God's dear children, as cold waters do a thirsty soul, and call forth thanksgivings for the privileges of this Convention. May it redound "to the praise of His glorious grace."

The collection taken for the Mission cause amounted to $265 87 in cash, besides $35 in pledges.

The Baptist Meeting-house was occupied at night by the

Alabama Baptist Bible Society, before which, and a large audience, bro. J. R. Graves, of Nashville, Tennessee, delivered the Anniversary Sermon—notice of which, and the proceedings of that body, will appear in connexion with these minutes.

MONDAY, ½ PAST 9 O'CLOCK, NOV. 8.

The Convention met. Prayer by bro. J. D. Williams.

The Report of the Committee on the Southern Baptist Publication Society, was read and adopted. [See Appendix B.]

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College, was read and referred to the Committee on Education.—[Appendix C.]

The Report of the Board of Trustees of the Judson Female Institute, was read and referred to the Committee on Education. [Appendix D.]

The Report on Domestic Missions was read and adopted. [Appendix F.]

The Chair announced the following Standing Committees, to report at the next Convention, viz:

On Temperance—McCraw, Wilkes, Wilmer.

On Education—Henderson, Chilton, A. Williams.

On Foreign Missions—Holman, E. G. Baptist, Goodhue.

On Domestic Missions—McIntosh, J. G. Shorter, C. Battle.

On Sabbath Schools—Connella, Lane, Palmer.

On Southern Baptist Publication Society—Sturgis, Stout, R. P. Lide.

On the Bible Cause—DeVotie, Curtis, Jewett.

The Report from the Committee, appointed at last session, on a plan for more adequately and permanently providing for the support of the beneficiaries in the Theological Department of Howard College, being called for, the Chairman stated that the Committee had not agreed upon one, and in his individual character, offered the following resolution, viz:

Resolved, That the sum of Twenty-five thousand Dollars, be raised as a permanent fund, the interest of which shall be appropriated to the support of the beneficiaries of Howard College;

Which was referred to a special committee, consisting of brethren Freeman, Keene, Lundy, J. D. Williams, McIntosh, to report upon during this session.

The Report on Foreign Missions was read and adopted. [Appendix G.]

The resignation of bro. E. D. King, as Trustee of Howard College, was read and ordered to lie on the table.

The Committee to nominate the remaining officers of the Convention, verbally reported Edmund King, 1st Vice President, M. P. Jewett, 2d Vice President; J. H. DeVotie, Cor. Sec'y; S. H. Fowlkes, Treasurer; L. Y. Tarrant, A. G. McCraw. Wm. Hornbuckle, C. Billingslea, R. Holman, E. Baptist, A. W. Chambliss, W. N. Wyatt, Directors: which report was concurred in.

A communication from D. W. Pollock, Agent of the American Bible Society, soliciting the co-operation of this body, with that Society. On motion, it was ordered, that the Corresponding Secretary respectfully answer the same through the columns of the South-Western Baptist, assigning the reasons why this Convention decline such co-operation.

The Committee to nominate Corresponding Messengers to the Associations in this State, reported as follows, viz:

To Alabama—C. F. Sturgis, H. Talbird;
To Autauga—D. R. W. McIver, C. F. Sturgis;
To Bethel—A. A. Connella, M. B. Clement;
To Bethlehem—A. Travis, K. Hawthorn;
To Central—J. D. Williams, W. Wilkes;
To Cahawba—R. Holman, L. L. Fox;
To Canaan—A. J. Waldrop, J. A. Collins;
To Cherokee—W. C. Mynatt, W. C. Harris;
To Coosa River—H. E. Taliaferro, J. D. Williams;
To Judson—G. G. McClendon, S. Henderson;
To Liberty West—T. G. Freeman, E. B. Teague;
To Liberty North—J. H. DeVotie, H. E. Taliaferro;
To Liberty East—T. G. Freeman, A. Williams;
To Little Bigbee River—D. P. Bestor, R. Holman;
To Muscle Shoals—A. P. Musgrove, T. F. Curtis;
To North River—J. H. Foster, J. C. Foster;
To Pine Barren—C. W. Hare; C. F. Sturgis;
To Salem—W. H. McIntosh, S. Henderson;
To Tallaschatchee—J. A. Collins, S. G. Jenkins;
To Tuskegee—S. Henderson, J. T. Tichenor;
To Tuskaloosa—J. H. Foster, T. F. Curtis;

To Union—M. Lyon, A. W. Chambliss.

Which was adopted.

Took a recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

MONDAY, 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention resumed business.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That our brethren in all the Churches, be affectionately and earnestly requested to forward all funds which they may raise for the circulation of the Bible, either to this Convention, or to the Bible Board of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tennessee.

Resolved, That, although as members of the great Baptist Family, we might not be opposed to the revision of the Holy Scriptures, at a proper time and under the proper circumstances, we yet utterly disclaim all sympathy with the present movements by the "Bible Union" and the Memphis Revision Association.

The Committee to nominate preachers before the next Convention, reported—T. G Keene to preach the Anniversary Sermon; A. A. Connella, alternate. D. B. Bestor, to preach the Missionary Sermon; T. F. Curtis, alternate.—C. F. Sturgis to preach the Education Sermon; E. B. Teague, alternate;—all of which was concurred in.

On motion, brethren Connella, Curtis and Hare, were appointed a committee to report at this Convention, upon the Moral and Religious Instruction of the Colored people.

The Committee to whom was referred the resolution relating to the support of beneficiaries of Howard College, asked to be excused from the further consideration of the subject, and have it referred to the Committee on Education; which was agreed to.

The Committee on Education read their Report, which with the Resolutions were adopted. [Appendix E.]

The Report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College, accompanying the report on Education, was taken up; and during its discussion the Convention took a recess until 7 o'clock, to hear the Education Sermon.

MONDAY, 7 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention, with a large congregation, assembled, when in fulfilment of the appointment of last year, bro. T. G. Freeman preached a Sermon on Education, replete with

clear statements, sound arguments and forcible conclusions; after which the Convention adjourned until to-morrow morning half past 9 o'clock.

TUESDAY, ½ PAST 9 O'CLOCK A. M., Nov. 9.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by bro. Chilton.

The Treasurer's Report was read and referred to the Committee on Claims. [Appendix M.]

At the request of the Chairman of the Committee on Periodicals, brethren Henderson and Clement were added.

The Committee to nominate delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, for 1853, reported the names of H. Talbird, B. Manly, J. H. DeVotie, R. Holman, W. T. Hendon, L. B. Lane, C. F. Sturgis, E. B. Teague, W. H. McIntosh, Cullen Battle, A. T. M. Hundy, P. H. Lundy, Samuel Henderson, W. N. Wyatt, Thos. Barrow, I. T. Tichenor, A. G. McCraw, J. H. Foster, A. Williams, Edward Baptist, D. R. W. McIver, T. G. Freeman, L. W. Lawler, Oliver Welch, Cyrus Phillips, Platt Stout, J. D. Williams, T. F. Curtis—which was concurred in.

On motion, it was unanimously Resolved, That brothers Henderson, McIntosh and Freeman, be, and they are hereby requested, to furnish to the Editor of the Baptist Preacher, published by H. Keeling, Richmond, Va., for publication in that periodical, copies of the respective sermons delivered by them, before this Convention.

On motion, brethren Teague, Connella and Ford, were appointed a Committee to whom was referred the claim of bro. Chambliss, for additional compensation for printing the Minutes of Convention for 1851.

The consideration of the Report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College, was resumed; and after several interesting speeches were made in support of it, it was unanimously adopted. [Appendix C.] Whereupon the following resolution was also unanimously adopted, to wit: That the growing demands of the Church of Christ, demand, that Howard College be forthwith placed upon an elevated and permanent basis, as a theological and literary institute. And that thereto this body unanimously request our beloved brother, D. P. Bestor, to go forth as the advocate of the College, with a view of both completing the endowment of the Literary, and adding the endowment of another Chair of Theology.

The report on the State of Religion was read and adopted. [Appendix H.]

A letter was presented and read from Elder Thomas Chilton, of Houston, Texas, renewing his expressions of warm fraternal affection and interest in this body; giving a gratifying account of the good health, and pleasant situation of himself and family, in their new home: his happy settlement with the Church, her prosperous condition; the rapid growth of the Baptist denomination in that State; and concluding with an earnest request that himself, his family and the cause of Christ in Texas, "might have a place and a remembrance in the prayers of the Convention." Which was responded to by the body engaging in special prayer, the President, by request, leading. After which, on motion, the Letter was ordered to be filed in the Archives of the Convention.

The report of the Board of the Convention was read and adopted. [Appendix I.]

The report on Letters and Documents was read and laid on the table.

The report on Periodicals was read and adopted. [Appendix J.]

Took recess until 3 o'clock P. M.

TUESDAY, 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met and resumed business.

The Committee on the subject of extra allowance for publishing the minutes of 1851, reported a resolution "that the publisher, Rev. A. W. Chambliss, receive Twenty Dollars additional compensation," which was concurred in.

The Board of Trustees of "The Society for the relief of the families of deceased and superanuated Ministers" created last session, made a verbal report, that they had not consummated the objects of their appointment. The Board was continued, under the instruction of last session. Brethren C. F. Sturgis and A. W. Chambliss, members of said Board, stated, that living remote from a convenient point of meeting, and to subserve the interests involved, they tender their resignation, upon motion, was accepted, and brethren W. W. Mason and H. W. Watson, appointed to fill the vacancy.

The report on Temperance was read, and with the accompanying resolutions, unanimously adopted. [Appendix K.]

To carry out the provision of the 2d in the series of the above resolutions referred to, the following delegates were appointed to represent this Convention, in the Temperance Convention, to be held at Selma, on the 24th instant, viz: D. P. Bestor, R. P. Lide, C. F. Sturgis, M. P. Jewett, I. T. Tichenor, T. F. Curtis, J. P. Williams, L. Y. Tarrant, Platt Stout and J. D. Williams.

The Committee on Sabbath Schools read their report, which was adopted. [Appendix L.]

On motion, brethren Stout, Sturgis and R. P. Lide, were appointed a committee to prepare the addresses recommended in the report on Sabbath Schools, and report to next Convention.

The report of the Committee on Finance was read and referred to the Committee on Claims for auditing. [Appendix N.]

A preamble and series of resolutions were read and adopted, as follows:

Whereas, in the opinion of this Convention, it is expedient to have at least five able and efficient Ministers of the Gospel of the Baptist denomination, permanently located in the city of New Orleans, in order to effect this desirable result: Be it

1st Resolved, That a proposition is hereby made, for this Convention to support a Minister in said city of New Orleans, and furnish the means necessary to do so, provided each or any one of the Conventions of Mississippi, Georgia, Kentucky and Tennessee, shall furnish the means necessary to support an able Minister,—said Ministers to be appointed by the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the means to be forwarded by each of the several Conventions to the said Board.

2d Resolved, That our delegates to the several Conventions, with whom we correspond, present this matter to said Conventions, and that the Secretary of this Convention be instructed to forward a copy of these resolutions to said several Conventions and to solicit their acceptance of the proposition hereby submitted.

3d Resolved, That the funds now in the hands of the Domestic Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same are hereby directed to be appropriated to carry out the object of

the first resolution, so soon as the President of said Domestic Mission Board shall be advised that either of the Conventions of the States of Mississippi, Kentucky, Tennessee, or Georgia, shall accede to this proposition.

The Committee on Education further reported verbally the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to report to the next Convention a plan for rendering permanent, needful aid to the Beneficiaries of Howard College, which was adopted, and brethren Jewett, Chambliss and DeVotie, appointed said committee.

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Being deeply interested, as members of civil and religious society, in the general cause of Education, and believing that free schools ought to be established by our State Legislature: therefore

1st Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to act either alone, or in concert with others, in awakening public and legislative action on the subject.

2d Resolved Further, that religious bodies, and fraternal associations, throughout the State, be requested to join in the promotion of this great object. Brethren McCraw, J. D. Williams and Bestor, were appointed the Committee under the first resolution.

The Committee on Claims reported back the reports of the Treasurer and Committee on Finance as correctly stated; as also an account of Blunt & Tutt of $21 53 for Books furnished Theological students of Howard College, during the conventional year 1851–'52, which report was concurred in.

Elder A. W. Chambliss having announced to the Convention, that he had transferred to Elders A. Williams and S. Henderson, the South Western Baptist, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted.

Whereas, this Convention has learned, that the South-Western Baptist, which has hitherto been published in Marion, has changed hands, and will be hereafter published in Montgomery, Alabama, on the great mail route; and that the same will hereafter be edited by Elders A. Williams and S. Henderson, and to be printed on new type,

Be it Resolved, That we have the fullest confidence in the ability and orthodoxy of the brothers who are hereafter

to edit said paper, and we strongly recommend our brethren in this State and the surrounding States to continue and increase their patronage and encouragement of this paper.

Resolved, That in retiring from the Editorial chair, bro. A. W. Chambliss carries with him the tenderest affection of this body, and that for his future success in the sacred ministry, we most fervently pray.

On motion, it was ordered, that the minutes in relation to the South-Western Baptist, be published in the next issue of said paper.

Ordered that Eighty Dollars be appropriated for publishing these minutes; and Forty Dollars to the Recording Secretary, for superintending the publishing and distributing them.

The following minute was ordered to be made:

This Convention is penetrated with a sense of the loss the cause of Benevolence and especially the Indian Mission Association, has sustained in the decease of our esteemed bro. Rev. G. B. Davis, that as his valuable services are now lost to that cause, we recommend to the churches and brethren to cherish a tender interest in that department of benevolent effort. And we recommend the Indian Advocate, published at Louisville, Ky., to the patronage of the Baptists of Alabama.

Brother Bestor announced his acceptance of the appointment of Agent for the endowment of Howard College.

Resolved, That this body continues to be impressed with the importance of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, and regret the retirement of the Agent, Rev. P. Stout; that in his retirement, he carries with him our tenderest sympathies; and that we recommend to the brethren generally, to contribute more, and pray more, for the success of that important enterprize.

The Convention took a recess until after sermon, by bro. Graves, to-night.

After the delivery of an interesting sermon by brother Graves, the Convention resumed business.

The Letter of resignation of brother King, was taken from the table and referred to the Executive Board of the Convention; when the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Executive Board be instructed to make a suitable expression of the sympathy of this body,

with the circumstances that have induced his resignation of his Trusteeship of Howard College.

Ordered, that the Treasurer of this Convention pay over to the Treasurer of the Alabama Baptist Bible Society, the funds in his hands, for the Bible cause, without *pro rata* tax.

Ordered, that all unfinished business of the Convention be referred to the Executive Board.

After appropriate remarks by the President, and prayer, the Convention adjourned, to meet in the city of Selma, Dallas county, Alabama, on Saturday before the first Lord's day in November. 1853.

H. TALBIRD, President.

PLATT STOUT, Recording Secretary.

APPENDIX.

[*A.*]

MARDISVILLE, ALA., Oct. 13, 1852.

To the President of the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

DEAR BROTHER: I send with this to the Convention, five hundred dollars, which I wish appropriated as follows:

Two hundred dollars to assist in sending preachers to preach to the colored people in the Southern part of this State, where they are mostly out of the reach of Baptist Churches.

Two hundred for the benefit of the Indian Mission; and one hundred dollars to assist in printing the Bible in foreign languages.

With great esteem, your brother in Christ,

WM. JENKINS.

[*B.*]

Report on the Southern Baptist Publication Society.

The Committee on the Southern Baptist Publication Society, report: Amidst the gloom that spreads over the world, it is cheering to contemplate the rising of the Sun of Righteousness, and the effects of his beams in dissipating the darkness and successively pouring upon town, city, state, kingdom and continent the light of life; the joy of salvation. The heart glows as it contemplates the spread of the glorious Gospel of the blessed God; the mighty conquests it has already achieved. And whilst we remember that our ascended Lord committed to his church the mighty enterprise of reclaiming this lost world to himself as mediatorial Lord and Governor, ordained the end, appointed the means, guides with his eye, and strengthens with his hand, the agent, we rejoice with trembling that he has put so great honor upon her, as to admit her to be a "worker together" with himself.

As light has increased, the Church has seen more distinctly the wants and the wretchedness of the world, and one means after another has been put into operation designed to concentrate the prayers and the energies of the body of Christ to meet the specific wants contemplated by the following distinct organizations. We have beheld, with grateful emotions, the Foreign and the Domestic Missionary, the Bible, the American Indian Mission, the Education, the Temperance, the Tract, and the Publication Societies rising up with hands wide-spread--filled with blessings, and in the light of God's countenance running their several successful courses; whilst we have admired the unity of ultimate design, and the perfect concord that pervades the entire sisterhood in this lovely family of benevolence. Whilst each, in its appointed sphere, is essential to the great end, your committee are impressed with the belief that *sufficient prominence has not been given to the position of the Southern Baptist Publication Society.* They regard it *as second in importance to none of the cherished objects for the promotion of which you meet.* Your indulgence is asked, while we present a few considerations in support of these views:

1st. *Its bearing upon the interests of the Church.*—The general diffusion of the Bible, denominational and other good religious Books amongst our church members, is desirable, on the supposition that they be prayerfully and carefully read. That he who reads most of these, and whose mind and heart becomes most imbued with their teachings and spirit, other things being equal, will be the happiest and most useful christian, will not be questioned, and therefore need not be argued. To enlighten, elevate the tone of piety, and fit the members of the church for greater usefulness, is part of her design.

2d. *Her bearing upon the Unconverted World.*—She proposes to pursue the unbeliever and the various classes of errorists in their guilty wanderings from God, and put into their hands the Lamp of Life—to point them to their danger and fearful doom—to the way of escape through the blood of atonement—to show them how to live happily, to die in peace, and to attain to the resurrection of the just and the rewards of the righteous, is another part of its purpose. Thus she becomes a helper of our pastors in the performance of their varied and oft perplexing duties.

3d. *Her influence upon the Mission Cause, Foreign and Domestic.*—She harmonizes and co-operates with these. The Foreign, in that of presenting facts, evidence and arguments to convince them of its being the work of the Lord and furnishing motives that enlarge the heart and induce the devout prayer, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do" in this branch of thy work? In regard to Home Missions, the importance and necessity of this instrumentality will be more apparent, in view of the eight or ten millions of souls who from geographical position and other causes, look to Southern christians and philanthropists to supply them with the Word of God, moral and religious instruction—with the blessed Gospel. It were a herculean task, adequately to meet these demands by the living ministry alone. Indeed, if we had the ministers to spare, so that we could plant one in every destitute city, town and neighborhood, we should still find vast numbers that these could not reach—who would not come within the range of their ministry.

We deceive ourselves, if we suppose there now exists in man a more favorable disposition toward reconciliation with God through the blood of the covenant, than when our Lord complained, "Ye will not come unto me that ye might have life." The carnal heart is still enmity against God, and desires not the knowledge of his ways—men distinctively avoid contact with that which is offensive to them. We *must* leaven the masses with the Gospel; to do which the printed page must accompany the living ministry; indeed, it must be pushed into places

put into hands, and tell its story where he cannot go, or if he goes, cannot have access to those needing the instruction and influence it imparts. To do this is another of her designs.

4th. *Her influence upon the Foreign Population.*—The foreign immigration sweeping over our country westward, leaving hundreds and thousands in our older States, especially in the large towns and cities, are generally of the ignorant, unrefined and irreligious class. They bring with them the habits of the fatherland, and have exceedingly crude notions of our institutions, civil, political and religious. They come to abide with us, to make part and parcel of us. Their generations will mingle with ours, and they will make their impress upon us and our institutions, if we do not by the force of superior intelligence, morality and virtue, and by giving them the means of improvement, elevate them to our position, and thus save ourselves, our posterity, and our beloved institutions from a retrograde movement, to a point of degradation equal to the worst forms of superstition and misrule that now afflict the most degraded of their mother countries. This constantly and rapidly accumulating population must be *elevated* through the influences of a pure christianity; or by contact, it will *drag us down.* The success and perpetuity of our inimitable institutions depend, under God, upon the enlightenment of the people—upon the moral and religious education of the masses. We but injure ourselves if we blink this question—it is before us, and we may not safely put it aside; we should, we must meet it. Let us do it promptly and firmly. The plan of operation of the S. B. P. Society is happily adapted to meet these necessities.

As a denomination, we may without arrogance claim equality with any other in the United States, in all the essential elements of moral strength, influence and ability to do good. We live at a period in the world's history, remarkable for the spread of truth, thirst for and acquisition of knowledge—advance in all the useful arts and sciences and facilities for intercommunication with mankind. We have arrived at a point when there gathers around us an amount of obligation to our blessed Lord and Master, and to the world in which we live, that should deeply impress our hearts, and elicit all our energies and resources in their faithful and honorable discharge. Where much is given, much is rightfully required. A great work is before us; a glorious termination invites us onward. May we prove ourselves equal to our solemn responsibilities.

What instrumentality is better adapted to arrest the evils and promote the good to which we have alluded than the Southern Baptist Publication Society? She is at her work, progressing as fast as her means will allow; she has already published a respectable list, and is preparing to add to it a number of valuable Sunday School Books and Tracts, the *product of Southern Baptist pens.*

The Agent for Alabama has accomplished comparatively but little this year, owing to continued indisposition disabling him from travelling but little, or attending to his office work, except at short intervals. His disease is ascertained to be of a character that will take the work of time, should it be removed; he will retire from the Agency at the close of the current year, leaving the interests of the Society to be cared for by its numerous friends in Alabama.

Respectfully submitted,

PLATT STOUT, *Cha'n.*

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Report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College.

The Board of Trustees of Howard College respectfully submit their Eleventh Annual Report.

It is with mingled feelings of encouragement and depression, that your Board present a record of their proceedings for the year ending July 24th, 1852.

It is encouraging to reflect, that your efforts through the Board to promote the cause of Education, have been characterized, in the main, by a steady and uniform progress. With limited means and amidst the indifference and even opposition of many who ought to be the warmest supporters of your educational enterprise, you have established an Institution which is creditable alike to the liberality and intelligence of the denomination. Your College will bear favorable comparison with many older institutions, founded under far more favorable auspices. It has a full and efficient Faculty; its classes are completely organized; its Students orderly and diligent in their studies; and its standard of scholarship as elevated as in any College in the whole South. Taking into consideration all the facts in the history of the College, your Board are persuaded that on the whole you have accomplished more than could have been anticipated, for no denominational institution in the United States, except the Rochester University, has advanced more rapidly. To these results you have been led by the guiding hand of a superintending Providence, and from them you may derive encouragement to persevere.

The number of students connected with the College, for the session ending on the fourth Thursday in July, 1852, was 148—a larger than were ever registered before during a single collegiate year. Of these, eleven were connected with the Theological Department and engaged in studies preparatory to the ministry. At the annual commencement an interesting class of seven received the honors of graduation—one of these was a graduate from the Theological Department.

During the session, the College was visited by a gracious revival, and twelve of its students, upon profession of their faith in Christ, were received into the fellowship of the Baptist Church—two others connected themselves with the Methodist brethren. It has been the privilege of your Board, on several occasions, to make mention of these precious seasons, as occurring in the Howard, and they are convinced that they are brought about mainly through the instrumentality of the Theological students. Thus these young brethren, while pursuing studies which exclude them from the active duties of the ministry, have exhibited the spirit of their calling, and have been made a blessing to their young associates.

It was announced in the Report of the Board for 1851, that Prof. Curtis had tendered his resignation as Professor of Theology, to take effect on the first of Jan. 1852, and that Rev. H. Talbird, of Montgomery, had received the appointment to that department. At the time appointed, he entered the Institution, and has since been engaged in his appropriate duties. Early in the second term of the session, President Sherman signified his intention to dissolve the connection which had so long existed between himself and your Board. The Board, with a full appreciation of his talents and peculiar fitness for the Presidency of the College, would most gladly have retained his services. He had, however, entered into engagements elsewhere which rendered it impossible, and they and himself have parted with feelings of mutual regret and esteem. After mature and prayerful deliberation, your Board unanimously invited Prof. Talbird to assume the office vacated by the resig-

nation of Prof. SHERMAN. They have thus united the Presidency and Professorship of Theology in the same individual. Your Board are persuaded that sound policy demanded this arrangement, and they congratulate the Convention on having effected it. It is, perhaps, due to Prof. TALBIRD to state most distinctly, that he did not seek his present office; but that it was only in compliance with the earnest solicitations of your Board that he consented to assume its responsibilities.

While Prof. SHERMAN was connected with the College, he gave instruction in the Natural Sciences. It became immediately necessary, therefore, to fill that department of instruction. After careful inquiry as to his character and qualifications, your Board made choice of Prof. N. K. DAVIS, a graduate of Mercer University, Georgia. Although Prof. DAVIS is a young man, he has since his graduation taken a complete course of studies in the Natural Sciences, under the celebrated Chemist, Prof. Booth, of Philadelphia. He was then elected to the professorship of Agricultural Chemistry in the Agricultural School of Germantown, Pa., where he continued one year. He was from that place invited to the chair of Natural Science in Delaware College, which office he filled with ability and success. Thus, he has had ample opportunity to become practically acquainted with the duties of his department, especially in all that relates to the application of Chemistry to Agriculture.

The above arrangement had hardly been completed before your Board were called upon to fill another vacancy in the Faculty. In consequence of the state of his health, Prof. HOLMAN was compelled to resign his professorship, and although your Board regretted the loss of his valuable services to the College, they felt it to be due to him to accept his resignation. They have, however, found it difficult to fill his place; for, while several persons could be found who were fitted for the department of Languages, no one could be obtained who was capable and willing to take the Department of Mathematics. Your Board were relieved from this embarrassment by Prof. GOODHUE. From choice he had been transferred from the Department of Mathematics to that of Languages; but as soon as he became aware of the difficulty of the Board, he with the spirit of self-sacrifice which has marked his conduct in all his connection with the College, immediately consented to resume his duties as Professor of Mathematics. This gave your Board the opportunity of extending an invitation to Prof. ADKINS, of Shardt's College, Md. At first it was understood that he would accept the invitation, but he subsequently declined it. This, however, was not the occasion of serious inconvenience, and it afforded the opportunity of appointing Prof. L. BROWN to the place, who is an experienced and accomplished teacher of languages, Ancient and Modern.

In addition to the above named gentlemen, your Board have retained the services of Mr. R. A. MONTAGUE—a graduate of the College—and he bids fair to become a most valuable addition to its Faculty. The Preparatory Department remains under the able and efficient direction of Mr. MELCHIG, assisted by Dr GRAHAM. Thus the corps of instructers is complete, and the College has in this respect all that could be asked or desired.

The *only* discouraging feature in your educational enterprise, is the utter failure of all the efforts of your Board to increase the fund for the permanent endowment of the College. The difficulty which they have had to encounter in this field of their labor, is to be attributed to the operation of several distinct causes. In various parts of the State our Churches have been making very commendable efforts to establish local Schools and Academies, and they have contributed so liberally to these, that they are unwilling, for the present, to make any further donations to the cause of education. But, in addition to the above,

your Board have not found it possible to secure the services of an efficient agent, and in consequence but few new subscriptions have been obtained.

Of the notes already obtained, many have fallen due which remain uncollected, and the interest on others has been accumulating for two, three, and even four years. The existence of this state of things in the financial department of the College will not be surprising to the Convention, if its members will reflect on the difficulties with which the Board have had to contend. The persons who have given notes to the fund of the College, are residing at points in the State distant from each other, and the amount to be collected from each one is not sufficient to warrant the employment of special agents. It is true, however, that most of these individuals have been called on by some person, in behalf of the College. On such occasions they have not by them the means of paying their notes, or the interest due on them; and when they have the money in hand, either from indifference or some other cause, they fail to transmit it to the Treasurer of the College.

This has been very severely felt by your Board, and during the year several things have combined to increase the embarrassment of their position. Four members of the Faculty in rapid succession resigned their places, and it became necessary that their salaries should be immediately paid. The only alternative was, to use any amounts which could be collected, whether of principal or interest, in the liquidation of these claims. By adopting this plan, the debts of the College have been nearly paid off; but in consequence there has occurred a slight diminution in the permanent fund, as will be seen from the financial report. In addition, the College is sustaining very serious loss from the reverses which are constantly occuring in the pecuniary condition of those who have contributed by their notes to the fund. This gradual exhaustion of the principal of the fund must continue, unless the notes can be collected and the money placed within the control of the Board. The financial condition of the College is as follows:

Due Oct. 1st, 1851, Theological Fund, principal and interest,	$23,092 85
Literary Fund, principal and interest,	36,813 47
Total Literary and Theological—due Oct. 1st,	$59,906 32

There is a point upon which the Board are anxious to obtain the advice and direction of the Convention. Several persons who formerly gave these notes for the endowment of the College are now refusing to pay them—principal or interest. There is no plea of inability, but a simple unwillingness to comply with their written contracts. The notes must therefore remain as useless paper in the hands of the Treasurer, unless resort be had to legal measures. Your Board ask the direction of the Convention as to the manner in which they shall proceed, and the moral influence of your authority in carrying out your wishes.

There is another fact to which the Board will call the attention of the Convention: There are notes to the amount of near three thousand dollars in the hands of your Board, which are only conditional, and not binding upon those who gave them, until the sum of thirty thousand dollars is raised on the plan of endowment adopted by the Board, on December 3d, 1849, and approved by the Convention at its session of 1850. About seven thousand dollars are still needed to complete the thirty thousand. Thus, if the Convention can devise a plan by which the specified amount—$7,000—can be secured, it will save an additional sum of three thousand dollars to the funds of the College, which must otherwise be lost.

Your Board, in the conclusion of their report, beg leave to turn your

attention away from the difficulties which have beset your rising Institution, and invite you to contemplate its present prospects.

The last session was decidedly the most prosperous in the history of the College; but the present has opened under far more favorable auspices than any preceding session. Nearly one hundred and twenty students have been registered already, and a much larger number than usual have been admitted into the regular College classes. There are nine Theological students present, and the number will be very nearly doubled as soon as they can be assured of the means of support. The most encouraging feature in the Theological Department is, the manifest determination on the part of the young brethren to obtain a thorough education. Thus, of the nine present, four are in the Sophomore and Junior classes of the regular college course, and four in the regular classes of the Scientific course. If the good brethren of the churches will only allow these young brethren to remain in the College until their minds are thoroughly disciplined, they will in a short time be prepared to do credit to the Institution, and to become an honor to our ministry. The fact is, several of our young brethren are even now very acceptable preachers, and when they visit the churches during vacation, they are met on every side by earnest solicitations to become their pastors. This is a most suicidal policy, on the part of the churches, and is a serious injury to your Theological students.

The students of Howard College have always been characterized by habits of industry and morality, and by cheerful obedience to the laws of the College. Thus far in the present session, their conduct has been such as to meet the hearty approval both of the Board and Faculty.

The Faculty of the College is now more completely organized than at any former period. They can now give instruction in the French and Spanish languages; and, without materially abridging the course of instruction in the ancient languages, they will have it in their power to appropriate more time to the study of Natural Science and Civil Engineering. The application of Chemistry to Agricultural pursuits is becoming a very important branch of a liberal education, and the Faculty have devised a plan by which they can, without expense to the Board, give practical illustrations of all that is known in this department of Chemistry. Thus, any young gentleman who desires to prepare himself to become a complete and thorough farmer may find helps in this Institution which can be found in no other College in the South with which your Board are acquainted. All these results will depend upon the Convention, and the denomination. If they will sustain and encourage the Board in any well directed effort to complete the endowment of the College, all shall be accomplished. Seventy-five thousand dollars, or about twenty-five or thirty thousand in addition to the present fund, are needed to place it on what may be considered a permanent basis. It is no trifling undertaking to endow a College. It is a work of years and of great personal sacrifice, and individual labor. In this view of the case, the Baptists of Alabama have performed wonders in this good work. And now when it is so nearly accomplished, would it not display a great want of wisdom and forethought to intermit their efforts and allow all this expenditure of time and money to result in nothing? Your Board commend these considerations to the Convention and to the denomination throughout the State.

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Report of the Trustees on the Judson Female Institute.

The Trustees of the Judson Female Institute respectfully report: The past Conventional year has been signalized by unusual prosperity. The number of Pupils on the Catalogue, for the scholastic year, ending July 29, was *one hundred and eighty-eight*,--being the largest number ever entered in one year.

With a single exception, the Teachers and Scholars have enjoyed uninterrupted health.

An addition of forty feet square, four stories high, to the main Building of the Institute, has been made, at an expense of about four thousand dollars, contributed by friends in Marion. This secures several additional Recitation Rooms, and twelve Dormitories, each for four young ladies. The Institute can now comfortably accommodate Two Hundred and Fifty pupils.

During the last summer, an unusually interesting state of religious feeling prevailed in the Institution, resulting in the hopeful conversion of about thirty of the young ladies. As a natural consequence, the Bible Class and Sabbath School instruction always regularly given, the weekly Prayer Meeting of the pupils, and their monthly Missionary meetings were attended with increased interest.

The Faculty of instruction and government now consists of fourteen Professors, Teachers, &c. The Trustees are happy to state, that the services of brother C. P. Jones, late of New York, have been secured in the departments of Modern Languages, and the Natural Sciences.

The number of students entered at this date is *one hundred and seventy*, being some twenty more than there were at the same time last year.

Sam'l H. Fowlkes, *Sec'y.* E. D. KING, *Pres't.*
Nov. 6, 1852.

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Report on Education.

The Committee on Education respectfully report: The Reports of the Trustees of the Howard College and of the Judson Female Institute have been referred to this Committee. There is nothing in the latter which calls for particular notice.

The Report on the College asks for instruction in regard to delinquent subscribers to the funds, who refuse to pay, either the principal or the interest, on the notes which they have given to the College,—and this, "not on the ground of inability, but from a simple unwillingness to comply with their written contracts."

Your Committee have read this statement with surprise and pain. A mere verbal agreement, a simple promise is held sacred and inviolable by every high-minded and honorable man. But a written contract, deliberately drawn and executed, should be as binding as an *oath* upon every enlightened conscience. On what plea, then, generous and christian contributors to the funds of Howard College can refuse to pay the promissory notes they have given, it is difficult for us to conceive. Where overwhelming reverses, which no sagacity could foresee, no wisdom prevent, have reduced the promiser from affluence to poverty, he may be released from all *moral* obligation to make payment; but, even then, the *legal* obligation remains unimpaired. If the funds of the College had been embezzled, squandered or misapplied by the Trustees; if the Faculty of the Institution had proved

themselves unworthy recipients of the benefactions bestowed upon it, and no redress could be had through the Board of Trustees; or if the College had in any way signally failed to answer the high purposes for which it was established, then there might be some shadow of justification for this palpable infraction of a solemn contract. But this is not pretended. The Howard College has not departed from its original plans: the Trustees and Faculty have discharged the trusts committed to them with unstained integrity of purpose, and with marked ability and energy. It is, at this moment, in the most satisfactory condition, and has before it, the most brilliant prospects. All persons, then, who have engaged to assist in the support of the College are solemnly bound to fulfil their engagements. The pledges they have voluntarily and deliberately given, they must redeem. To repudiate these *obligations*, to violate these pledges will not only cripple the energies and impair the usefulness of the Institution, but may undermine its foundations and level it in the dust. The College has been built on the faith of the honest and punctual fulfilment of the pledges given by its friends and benefactors. Permit these pledges to be violated, these contracts to be annulled, at the pleasure of one of the parties, and your Faculty will be disbanded, your students dispersed, and your College doors forever closed.

In view of these considerations, your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the Convention instruct the Trustees of Howard College to collect all monies due the Institution; and where this cannot be done without distressing the givers of the notes, they be required to pay punctually the interest on their notes and give some sufficient security for the ultimate payment of the principal.

Resolved, That in case of refusal to pay, the Trustees are hereby required to enforce payment by a resort to the courts of law, at their discretion.

Respectfully submitted,

M. P. JEWETT, *Cha'n.*

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Report on Domestic Missions.

During the past year, the operations of the Board have been carried on to a greater or less extent in fifteen States and Territories of the South and South-west by between sixty and seventy of our brethren. This, of course, is not a tenth part of what has been done for Domestic Missions in the territory included. In almost all the States, a system of Missions has been carried on with more or less efficiency within the limits of Associations and State Conventions. But there is a vast tide of emigration flowing from the older States to the territories. From this State there has been, and is, a very large emigration to Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Arkansas. If it is the duty of any to assist these new States in obtaining the Gospel, it must peculiarly belong to those States from which the emigration takes place. Here is a work which the Board of Domestic Missions alone can accomplish—the taking possession of these new territories in the name of Christ.—What we do must be done quickly. Multitudes of Baptist families are scattered as sheep without a shepherd. With a proper spiritual cultivation, they will rather be as seed in a prolific soil. Men in every respect of the highest qualifications, as to piety and ability, are absolutely needed to occupy many portions of the field committed to the Board. And we need much prayer to the Lord of the harvest to raise up laborers of a true Missionary spirit, willing to labor in building up

our Churches in fields where millions will be moulded to future generations by the few pioneers who first take possession of the field. It is in view of these facts, probably, that a stronger feeling of interest in the work of Domestic Missions is springing up all over the country, than ever before. Dr. Wayland has recently come out with the declaration, in substance, that the Churches, without doing less for Foreign Missions, ought at least to do twice as much for those at home: and some of the most discerning minds of the age are moving in the same direction. This country is, and is to be, the garden spot of the earth. By the success of freedom here, the progress of the world will be governed. Millions are congregating on our shores, and Missouri, Arkansas, and the vast territories of the great South-west will soon contain millions, where now there are but tens. Our Missionaries have not usually to wait to learn a new language, and foreign customs—they cannot be persecuted and retarded by intermeddling officials. Those whom they address are persons of the same habits of thought. Then, fellow-citizens and friends, the whole future hopes of the country depend upon the evangelization of these masses. What patriot, what christian will not aid the Board of Domestic Missions in its mighty work?

Two fields demand special mention—New Orleans is one of these. Thousands of Baptists go there every winter for pleasure, for business, for study—many are there corrupted. Whatever may be the expense of it, a strong Baptist interest can, ought to be, and with the blessing of God, must be established there; and, aided as needful by the Board of Domestic Missions, a considerable legacy for building a house of worship has now just become available to the denomination.

At the last Southern Convention, our Board was directed to take charge of Missions to California. We have not employed the general funds of the Board for this Mission, but sums specially contributed for this work, so that those who choose can take part in this enterprize. Who that has friends there will not choose? The Board has been encouraged sufficiently to make three appointments, and are expecting to make others. The Chinese in California afford at this moment the most interesting Missionary field on the face of the earth.

In view of the importance and greatness of the whole field, we need a spirit of christian *enlargedness*--enlargedness in prayer that God would raise up, qualify and send forth to this holy and noble work, men of the most ardent piety and the highest qualifications for usefulness. And surely we need an enlargedness in christian benevolence. Our ideas on all other subjects are growing--the opening up of California alone has within the last few years enlarged the minds of men --their ideas of travel; their commercial enterprise; their ideas of all undertakings requiring money--it has raised the price of cotton, so that each year enough is actually gained in this State to pay the expense of hundreds of Missionaries. A spirit of enlarged christian benevolence is demanded by the age, to keep up even with the growing greatness of the present age.

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Report of the Committee on Foreign Missions.

The Committee on Foreign Missions, in preparing their report for the present occasion, have found it difficult to condense, from the mass of materials that have come to their hands, such information as would at once encourage the liberal, praying christian, and urge him on to further efforts in the Redeemer's cause.

Much has already been accomplished, by the blessing of God, upon the labors of his servants in heathen lands, and much remains to be

done, ere the great objects of the Saviour's mission into the world are accomplished; ere every foe shall be subdued under the King of Zion.

The friends of Missions are not dealing in fiction when they publish from year to year the appalling fact, that there are of our fallen race, probably not less than 562,000,000 who have forsaken the true God and worship idols; that about 120,000,000 are Mahomedans; about 4,000,000 the descendants of Abraham, and still reject the Saviour; and of the 252,000,000 who profess to be the disciples of Jesus Christ, there are probable not more than 50,000,000 who are real christians and devotedly engaged in the conflict against sin. Here we have, at one view, a population of 934,000,000 of the human family, of whom about 884,000,000 are enemies of God! How fearful the odds between the number of the friends and the foes of God and his cause! Yet all these enemies are to be subdued under Christ, and his real disciples are to be the instruments of the conversion of all who shall be saved. They are the constituted representatives of the Saviour's love to men --the almoners of his bounty to the world. By them the Gospel must be preached; the Bible must be translated and circulated; schools must be taught; churches formed, and public worship on earth maintained. But all christians are not awake to their high responsibility; to their holy designation; and ere the world can be converted through the instrumentality of the church, the church must be converted into the Saviour's most gracious appointment. They must be made to see and feel their duty to God and their fellow-men. But there is an encouraging view of the missionary enterprise which it is no less the pleasure than the duty of the committee to keep constantly before the minds of their brethren.

The missionary enterprise is not a failure. The hopes of its friends have been more than realised—the predictions of its foes have been proven to be false. No longer ago than fifty-seven years, there were but two evangelical missionaries to preach the Gospel to the 100,000,000 Hindoo idolators, except a few well-worn Moravians. About thirty-nine years ago, brother Judson went to Burmah, then a moral wilderness. To the South-Sea Islands, a few missionaries were sent about fifty-five years ago. At the beginning of the attempt to revive the old apostolic missionary plan for evangelizing the world, there was not a Bible for the world of idolators; not a school in which the knowledge of the true God was taught; not a christian church amidst the temples of idolators. But we may now look abroad and exclaim —"What has God wrought!" We can now number about 4,000 churches raised up among the heathen; not less than 250,000 converts now in those churches, besides the hundreds of thousands who, from time to time, have gone from them to heaven; about 3,000 missionary schools, and the Bible now read in about two hundred different languages.

In christian lands, most of the real friends of Jesus Christ admit that the missionary institution is of divine appointment, and the number of those who become actively engaged in the good work is constantly and rapidly increasing. The amount of funds to sustain the great undertaking of pushing the Redeemer's kingdom into the empire of darkness, is every year being augmented.

Many devoted, self-sacrificing disciples of Christ are going to fill up the ranks of the host of God, and to wage war with the foes of the King of Zion. Institutions auxiliary to the Missionary work, and growing out of it, are lending their aid to flood the world with divine knowledge. By the Home Mission, new friends and laborers for the foreign field are raised up; the Sabbath School and Bible Class lay hold of the minds of our youth, and thus thousands are prepared for usefulness at home and abroad. Associations for reclaiming the dissolute,

reforming the drunkard, educating the orphan, converting the red man, printing and circulating Bibles and other useful books, are doing much, very much towards making christian churches what they ought to be —aggressive bodies.

Nor ought your committee to omit especially to mention, that the formation of the *Southern Baptist Convention* has increased the efficiency of Southern Churches many fold. Before the Convention was formed, not a half dozen Missionaries from among us were in heathen lands; now we have fifteen from our churches. By the funds raised in our churches and congregations, we are sustaining about thirty-six preachers and teachers, under the appointment of the Board of Foreign Missions. With this view of the importance and utility of the Missionary Institution for the world and the church; the claims of Christ upon every redeemed sinner, to be devoted to his cause; the wants of perishing sinners, and the retributions of the last day, your committee can but express their anxious solicitude to see every member of our churches more actively engaged in advancing this great work, by which the whole earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ELI BALL, *Cha'n.*

[*II.*]

Report on the State of Religion.

Your committee would report—That the only data from which a conclusion can be formed by them in relation to the present state of Religion, is the information afforded by our denominational paper, the intelligence of brethren representing different sections of the State, together with our own knowledge in our immediate vicinities. From the evidences thus afforded, we have much reason as a denomination and as individual christians, not only to rejoice, but to return thanks to the Author of all good. Your committee confidently believe that at no period in our history has the cause of religion in our State been more prosperous than at the present time. At no time have our churches and our members been more active and energetic in the performance of those duties assigned to the church by *her great Lawgiver.* The mass of our churches are not only alive to the important interest of Christ's kingdom, but every other enterprize which has for its object the glory of God and the well-being of our race. The Lord has blessed many of our Churches and our Associations, and greatly enlarged the membership the past year. From the best information before us, near five thousand have been added to our churches since the Convention of 1851. These evidences of God's willingness to bless, of the increasing activity and intelligence, and piety of our members, not only cheers and gladdens our hearts, but suggests to us that at no distant day the entire moral power of the church may be properly directed against the enemies of Christ's kingdom.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

P. H. LUNDY, *Cha'n.*

[*I.*]

Report of the Board of Directors of the Convention.

During the year, only three new students have been added to the Theological department of the College. One has graduated; several have left in consequence of failure of health, leaving the present number preparing for the ministry, nine. Four others are now awaiting

examination for admission. Many others would be here, if means were in hand for their support. The number already received have nearly exhausted the funds which have been provided. Beyond this the Board are not permitted to go, however pressing or promising may be the application.

The Board are satisfied that the churches are not suitably impressed with the importance of this subject. The appeals from the destitute for the living ministry have not reached the mass of our people. Being well supplied themselves, they have forgotten that others are not in their condition.

The amount ($331) sent up at this Convention, is inadequate to meet the wants of those who have been already received, and who have entered upon their course of study. What must be done in this extremity! "Contract no debt whatever," was the instruction given to the Board in 1847. This injunction has been obeyed. The means furnished will not sustain those now received, much less invite others desiring to come. There is but one alternative—either dismiss a portion of our students, or the Convention provide means of their support.

Other matters claiming the attention of the Convention have been submitted to it in the Reports of the Howard and Judson.

Respectfully submitted.

[*J.*]

Report of the Committee on Periodicals.

The Committee on Periodicals beg leave to report--Of those periodidals brought to the notice of your committee, may be mentioned the Home and Foreign Journal, and the South-western Baptist.

The H. and F. Journal is the organ of our Foreign and Domestic Missionary Board, is conducted by the Corresponding Secretaries, and is eminently worthy of the patronage of the denomination. We wish it might be found in every Baptist family.

The South-western Baptist is edited with ability by our esteemed brother: A. W. Chambliss, and we cannot too earnestly recommend it to the favorable consideration of this body.

Respectfully submitted.

I. T. TICHENOR.

[*K.*]

Report of the Committee on Temperance.

Your committee are clearly of the opinion, that the great Temperance Reform is rapidly on the advance. It has taken deep and permanent root in the esteem and affections of many of the wise and the good of our country. Thousands upon thousands of our best men, both in the church and out of the church, are beginning to regard *even* the *moderate* use of Alcoholic drinks as not only pernicious and unbecoming, but as a disparagement to the good character of men, and wholly derogatory to the religion of our blessed Saviour.

As to what measures will best promote this cause, in the present stage of its onward course, your committee will not undertake to say; we are, however, of the opinion, that now is the time for vigorous and united action on the part of all the friends favoring this noble cause.

The friends of Temperance are at this time looking forward with considerable interest to the Temperance Convention appointed by the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance at its last semi-annual session, at Decatur, to meet in the city of Selma on the 24th of this inst., for the purpose consulting as to the best measures for promoting the

Temperance Reformation. Your committee would therefore recommend the appointment of a delegation from this body to that Convention; also, the passage of the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Convention, the time has arrived when the State of Alabama should no longer make the traffic in Ardent or Intoxicating Liquors a source of revenue: A traffic which not only brings disgrace and ruin upon a vast number of her valuable citizens, but is demoralizing her population, and threatening to subvert the very foundations of her prosperity.

2. *Resolved*, That this Convention hails with much of satisfaction, the dawn of a brighter era in our State with respect to this monstrous evil, Intemperance, and most heartily concur and sympathize in the contemplated Convention to be held in Selma, on the 24th inst., and that ten delegates be appointed to represent this body in that Convention.

3. *Resolved*, That before any person should have the privilege of dealing out this liquid poison, intoxicating drink, to any people, the people to whom it is furnished should give, in the most unequivocal manner, an expression of their desire that it should be so retailed; and that, to effect this, we believe that no intoxicating Liquors should be retailed in any country, unless a majority of the qualified voters thereof shall so express their desire; and that, in such case, no one should retail in any Beat, until after he had received a majority of the legal voters in such Beat, and then be commissioned by the Governor.

4. *Resolved*, That while these are our opinions, they are nevertheless founded upon what we *now* deem practicable, and that we should greatly rejoice in seeing this terrible scourge, the traffic in and manufacture of Ardent Spirits, as a beverage, entirely suppressed.

Respectfully submitted. JOHN S. FORD, *Cha'n.*

[*L.*]

Report of the Committee on Sabbath Schools.

The committee on the subject of Sabbath Schools beg leave respectfully to report—That nothing can well be more obvious than that the importance of Sabbath School instruction is not as generally and as deeply felt as it demands.

That the Minutes of this body is not the most appropriate place to put forth such an appeal upon the subject as may be relied on to make any considerable change—because, first, there are thousands who ought and could be reached by an appeal in a more portable form—to whom the Minutes of this body cannot be expected to come. And, secondly, because it would add unreasonably to the expensiveness of the Minutes to embody such an appeal, and send it to all to whom such an address should go.

Your committee therefore recommend that a committee be forthwith raised, to report at the next session, and for the approval of this body, such an address to the Churches upon the subject of Sabbath Schools as circumstances now demand, with a view to its being printed, say in the South-western Baptist, and scattered by hundreds or by thousands among our churches; and that pastors or deacons be requested to have such address read publicly in some full meeting of the church or congregation.

Your committee further recommend the following:—That whereas great embarrassment is experienced in the originating and conducting of Sabbath Schools, from the want of suitable facilities for the procurement of books, that another committee be raised to report at the next session a plan by which this difficulty may be remedied, and that some notice of this plan be published in connection with the address.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

C. F. STURGES, *Cha'n.*

[M.]

TREASURER'S REPORT.

S. H. Fowlkes, Treasurer, in account with Alabama State Convention.

Dr.

Domestic.

1851.	
Nov. 10. To cash rec'd of Finance Committee,	$1193 63
From do. from Blacks in Cane Brake,	100 00
From do. for col'd Dom. Miss.	30 00
From do. for Missions in Texas,	10 00
1852.	
Oct. 15. To cash rec'd from W. H. Wyatt, Tr. Cahawba Ass'n,	6 25
	$1359 88

Indian.

1851.	
Nov. 10 To cash rec'd of Finance Committee,	884 64

Bible.

1851.	
Nov. 10. To cash rec'd of Finance Committee,	225 35
Of Southern Bible Board,	44 95
	$270 30

Southern Publication.

1851.	
Nov. 10. To cash rec'd of Finance Committee,	552 70
Balance due this fund at last report,	10 00
	$562 70

General.

1851.	
Nov. 10. To cash rec'd of Finance Committee,	42 60
Of S. P. Society for Minutes,	9 00
Of F. Missions for "	26 00
Of Indian Missions for "	14 34
Of Dom. Missions for "	21 53
Nov. 5. To balance,	7 96
	$121 43

Foreign.

1851.	
Nov. 10. To cash rec'd of Finance Committee,	$1425 91
Of do. for African Missions,	41 23
Of do. for China "	27 65
Of do. Seaman's Cause,	2 00
Of do. to educate a female in China,	85 00
1852.	
May 29. To cash rec'd of Wm. Jones, for China Missions,	7 00
Of Wm. Jones, for African "	7 00
Sept. 12. To cash rec'd of Gruts Creek Church, to educate a Chinese girl in Mrs. Crawford's School,	30 00
Amount carried forward,	$1,625 79

Cr.

Mission.

Nov. 10. By C. F. Sturges's receipt, No. 1,	$111 15
By C. F. Sturges's rec't, No. 2,	52 00
Do. do. do. No. 3,	36 00
Do. do. do. No. 4,	34 95
Do. do. do. No. 5,	30 00
Do. do. do. No. 6,	10 00
Do. J. H. De Votie's certificate, No. 7,	30 00
Dec. 9. By cash retained for Minutes,	21 53
By Wm. Hornbuckle, Tr's receipt, No. 8,	1007 00
1852.	
Nov 5. By Wm. Hornbuckle, Tr's receipt, No. 9,	6 25
	$1339 88

Mission.

1851.	
Nov. 10. By G. B. Davis's receipts, 1 to 9 inclusive,	870 30
Cash retained for Minutes,	14 34
	$884 64

Society.

1851.	
Nov. 10. By J. H. De Votie's receipt, No. 1,	150 00
Do. certifi'te, No. 2,	32 00
E. A. Blunt's receipt, No. 3,	45 20
1852, Nov. 7. Do. do. No. 4,	43 10
	$270 30

Society.

1851.	
Nov. 25, By Platt Stout's rec't,	$562 70

Purpose.

1851.	
Nov. 25, By Platt Stout's receipt, No. 1,	40 00
T. F. Curtis's receipt, No. 2,	1 43
1852.	
Jan. 3. A. W. Chambliss's receipt, No. 3,	80 00
	$121 43
1852. Nov. 5. By balance,	7 96

Missions.

1851.	
Nov. 10. By A. W. Cabiniss's receipt, No. 1,	$201 59
A. W. Cabiniss's rec't, No. 2,	56 00
Do. do. No. 3,	46 85
J. H. De Votie's certificate, No. 4,	10 00
Check sent A. Thomas, Treasurer—(see Duplicate,)	1241 36
Cash retained for Minutes,	26 00
Balance,	54 24
	$1636 04

Dr.		Cr.	
Amount brought forward,	1,625 79	1851. *Howard College.*	
Of John S. Bealle,	2 00	Nov. 10. By J. H. De Votie's certificate, No. 1,	132 50
Of Charles S. Bealle,	1 00	J. H. DeVotie's certifi'te, No. 2,	25 00
Of John Nix,	1 00	Nov. 20. Do. receipt, No. 3,	11 00
Oct. 15. To cash rec'd of W. N. Wyatt, Tr. Cahaba Ass'n,	6 25	1852.	
	$1636 04	M'ch 26. Mrs. M. M. Cody's draft, No. 4,	52 00
Nov. 5. To balance,	54 24	May 11. A. W. Chambliss's receipt, No. 5,	135 85
1851. *Beneficiary.*		Mrs. M. M Cody's rec't, No. 6,	65 00
Oct. 27. To balance on hand at report,	$147 28	July 26. Do. do. No. 7,	13 00
Nov. 10. To cash rec'd of Finance Committee,	657 05	Aug. 25. Do. do. No. 8,	30 00
Nov. 25. Of P. Stout on subs'n,	10 00	Oct. 12. Do. do. No. 9,	42 00
1852.		" 20. W. M. Pleasant's, No. 10,	96 00
Ap'l 12. To cash rec'd of Rev. Mr. Henderson,	10 00	Nov. 5. E. A. Blunt's, No. 11,	115 00
Oct. 15. To cash rec'd of W. N. Wyatt, Tr. Cahaba Ass'n, for A. J. Scale,	22 00	Balance,	128 98
	$846 33		$846 33
1852. Nov. 5. To balance,	128 98		

To the President and Members of the Alabama Baptist State Convention:

The undersigned herewith submits the foregoing Report, showing a balance due Foreign Missions of Fifty-four $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars; also, a balance due beneficiary fund of Howard College, One Hundred Twenty-eight $\frac{98}{100}$ Dollars—which, after deducting Seven $\frac{96}{100}$ Dollars overpaid on General Purpose account, leaves a balance in my hands of One Hundred and Seventy-five $\frac{26}{100}$ Dollars, subject to your order.

Respectfully, S. H. FOWLKES, *Treas'r.*

Marion, Ala., Nov. 8th, 1852.

Having examined the above account, we find it correct.

R. P. LIDE, *Cha'n Committee on Claims.*

Bodies Contributing.	Missions. Foreign	Missions. Domes'c	Missions. Indian.	Domestic B Cause.	African Mission.	So. Pub Society.	Benef: H.Coll'ge	China Miss.	Gen'l Purp.	Sea'ns Cause.	Total.
Autauga Association,						100 00					100 00
Montgomery Church,	50 10	60 40	20 50	28 25		24 50	35 75				219 50
Concord Church,		*34 50									34 50
Siloam Church	131 65	166 67	121 00			58 50	46 50				524 32
Fellowship Church,	8 15	8 15	8 20								24 50
Union Town Church,	‡20 00	‡115 00	16 25	16 25	‡20 00	16 25	16 25				200 00
Alabama Association,	115 13	‡157 55	64 55	60 65		37 87	92 25				528 00
Providence Church, Dallas,	7 50	7 50	12 00	11 00		7 50	§6 50				52 00
Miss Hatfield,		1 05									1 05
Ladies of the Gainesville B. S.				10 35							10 35
Bigbee River Association,	15 50	15 50									31 00
Providence Church, Sumter,	14 00	14 00		5 00		5 00					38 00
Ladies' So., Providence Church,	25 00	25 00									50 00
Hopewell Church,	20 00	70 00									90 00
Canaan Association,	27 30										27 30
Central Association,			8 70	12 25		a33 15					54 10
Union Association,	64 25	21 50	4 55	2 35	4 25	10	2 00				99 00
Judson Female Ins. Miss. Ass.,			57 50		57 50						115 00
Tuscaloosa Association,		13 75	3 00		16 50						33 25
Wm. Jenkins,		6200 00	200 00	c100 00							500 00
Blountsville Home Miss So.,	1 50	7 50									9 00
Friendship Church, Greene,	8 25	13 75			4 00						26 00
Bethany Church,	7 00	14 50	24 50	10 50		2 00					58 50
Collierene Miss. Box,		3 00	3 00	3 00			d3 00				12 00
Old Town Missionary Society,	2 50	2 50									5 00
Salem Church.	3 00	25 50	3 00	2 00			15 00				48 50
Amount carried forward,	518 83	6,977 32	546 75	261 60	102 25	284 87	217 25				2,890 87

Bodies Contributing.	Missions. Foreign	Missions. Domes'c.	Missions. Indian.	Domestic B. Cause.	African Mission.	So. Pub. Society.	Benefit H.Coll'ge	China Miss.	Gen'l Purp.	Sea'ns Cause.	Total.
Amount brought forward,	518 83	977 32	546 75	261 60	102 25	284 87	217 25				2,890 87
Mt. Pleasant Church, Perry,	9 60	15 55	3 00								28 15
Tuskegee Association,	54 65	32 55	64 20	4 75	5 10	8 35					169 60
Centre Ridge Church,	18 54	c34 13	116 96	19 76	20	52 79	28 09				270 47
Liberty Association,	22 70	25 70	101 20	4 90	19 60	4 45		3 50		3 00	185 05
Bethesda Church,	6 50	8 50									15 00
Selma Church,	10 00			50		50					11 00
Pilgrim's Rest Church,	12 50	1 50									14 00
Spring Hill Church,	26 00	f101 50	44 15	g17 00			h36 00				224 65
Bethel Association,	5 75	i8 50	50	60	7 40	40		1 10			24 25
St. Francis St. Church,									10 00		10 00
M. B. Clement,							5 00				5 00
Sumterville Church,	29 50	37 50									67 00
Little Bigbee Association,	18 55	18 55									37 10
Jno. McInnis, Sumter,	20 00	20 00									40 00
Cahaba Association,	39 13	90 12	100 40				22 80				252 45
Big Spring Church,	4 50	3 50	2 00			1 50					11 50
West Florida Association,		30 00			18 00						48 00
Newbern Church,	32 50	22 50	12 00	17 00			22 00				106 00
Pine Barren Association,			5 50						9 25		14 75
County Line Church,		5 00	5 50		5 00	10 00			14 25		39 75
Sabbath collection,	90 44	125 43	50 00								265 87
Bal. over in hands Finance Com.									5 54		5 54
	901 69	1557 85	1052 16	326 11	157 55	362 86	331 14	4 60	39 04	3 00	$4,736 00

Note by the Printer.—On the preceding page the donation of Wm. Jenkins to Domestic Missions is incorrectly printed $6,200—the letter *b*, intended by the Clerk for a reference mark, having been mistaken for a figure 6, and the mistake not discovered before the page was printed.

NOTES.

*	For Domestic Missions to the Blacks in the Cane Brake,	$34 00
†	" " " in California,	75 00
‡	" Miss. in Africa, to be applied to brother Bowen,	20 00
‖	" Domestic Mission in California,	60 00
§	" Benefit H. College, benefit of brother Bell,	6 50
a	" S. P. Soc'y, to constitute Elder Joseph Bankston a life direc'r,	33 15
b	" Domestic Miss. to the Blacks in the Southern part of this State,	200 00
c	" Bible Cause, to print the Bible in Foreign Languages,	100 00
d	" Benefit H. College, for benefit of brother Bell,	3 00
e	" Domestic Miss. in Alabama Association,	7 12
f	" " " to the Blacks,	10 00
g	" Bible Cause, to be applied to the Foreign field,	17 00
h	" Beneficiary to come from Bethel Association,	15 00
i and *j*	Domestic Miss. in California,	20 25

CHEROKEE ASSOCIATION.—The following amounts are in the hands of Elder W. C. Mynatt, and could not be forwarded, but will be paid into the Treasury of the Convention upon the rendition of his next report to the Domestic Mission Board, to-wit, for Domestic Miss., $56; for African Miss., $2,15; for Minutes, $2,40.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. M. McIVER, *Cha'n.*

[*O.*]

Executive Board of the Convention.

At a regular meeting of the Executive Board of the Convention, to which was referred all unfinished business, a communication was received from the Faculty of Howard College, requesting the appointment of a Committee to attend the next Annual Examination of the College; whereupon the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That the following gentlemen be invited to act as such Committee, viz: Hon. Benj. Fitzpatrick, Rev. Sam'l Henderson, Rev. D. P. Bestor, Cyrus Phillips, Esq., Rev. E. B. Teague, Rev. M. B. Clement, P. S. C. Strother, Esq., Rev. Dr. Sparrow, Hon. James Abercrombie, Hon. W. P. Chilton, Col. B. F. Molette, Rev. R. Holman, Dr. L. B. Lane, Hon. John G. Shorter, Rev. J. H. Foster, Hon. J. D. Phelan, Rev. J. R. Graves.

J. H. DE VOTIE, *Sec'y.* H. TALBIRD, *Pres't.*

MINUTES

OF THE

ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

ALABAMA BAPTIST BIBLE SOCIETY,

Held at Marion, Nov. 7, 1852.

The Anniversary Sermon was preached before the Society on Sabbath evening by the Rev. J. R. Graves, of Nashville, Tennessee.

The collection of the evening amounted to two hundred and thirty-four dollars and five cents.

Monday Evening, 9 o'clock.

The Society met for the transaction of business—the President in the chair.

The Society proceeded to the election of Officers, which resulted as follows:

J. H. De Votie, President; E. D. King, 1st Vice President; T. G. Keene, 2d Vice President; P. H. Lundy, Secretary; E. A. Blunt, Treasurer.

Board of Managers—M. P. Jewett, T. F, Curtis, R. Holman, H. Talbird, A. W. Chambliss, A. B. Goodhue, W. N. Wyatt.

The Annual Report of Rev. P. Stout was adopted as the Report of the Board, and ordered to be printed. [Appendix, No. 2.]

The Treasurer's Report was received, audited and ordered to be printed.

Rev. J. H. De Votie was appointed to preach the next Anniversary Sermon, and the Rev. I. T. Tichenor, alternate.

Resolved, That the Convention be requested to allow the printing of our Minutes in connection with theirs, and that fifteen dollars be appropriated to defray the expenses of the same.

Adjourned to the call of the President.

TUESDAY EVENING, 9 O'CLOCK.

Met at the call of the President. Appointed J. H. De Votie, H. Tadlind, E. B. King, T. G. Keene and A. G. McCraw to represent this body in the Southern Baptist Convention, to meet at Baltimore in May, 1853.

All unfinished business was referred to the Board.

Adjourned to meet in Selma in November, 1853.

J. H. DE VOTIE, *President.*

P. H. LUNDY, *Secretary.*

APPENDIX.

No. 1. TREASURER'S REPORT.

E. A. Blunt, in account with Alabama Baptist Bible Society.

1851.	
Oct. 25. Am't cash on hand,	$1111 16
Nov. 2. Do. of collection on Sabbath evening, at Annual Meeting,	204 00
Am't rec'd of Siloam Ch., Marion,	32 00
Am't rec'd of Ala. Ass'n,	88 80
Of North River "	3 00
Of Rev. B. B. Smith,	3 00
Of Miss Mary Gunn,	1 00
Of sundry persons,	18 20
17. Of Rev. P. Stout, agent, by the hands of Thos. Montague,	28 85
1852.	
Ap'l 9. Am't rec'd of P. Stout, ag't, by hands of Tho's Montague, culp'r,	26 00
May 24. Am't rec'd for disc't on sight check on N. York in favor Rev. R. Babcock,	1 75
Nov. 7. Am't rec'd of S. H. Fowlkes, Treas. of Ala. State Convention,	43 10
Of W. N. Wyatt, Treas. of Cahaba Association,	79 55
Of Rev. Platt Stout, ag't, by hands of Tho's Montague, culp'r,	5 35
Of Rev. P. Stout, agent,	123 76
Of Siloam Baptist Church, Marion,	28 00
David Gordon,	5 00
W. H. McIntosh,	5 00
Hon. W. P. Chilton,	5 00
Sam'l Benson,	5 00

Am't brought forward,	
James F. Bailey,	5 00
Cyrus Billingslea,	5 00
Wm. T. Loggins,	5 00
Dr. O. L. Shivers,	5 00
J. W. Garrett,	5 00
M. P. Jewett,	5 00
David Hoggue,	5 00
Wm. May,	5 00
F. J. Lanier,	5 00
Mrs. E. M. Ulmor,	10 00
Mrs. M. A. Tarrant,	10 00
Miss L. M. Smith,	5 00
Miss W. A. Lane,	5 00
Mrs. E. Lockhart,	5 00
Mrs. M. C. De Votie,	5 00
Mrs. Jane Jewett,	5 00
W. N. Wyatt,	5 00
Dr. T. J. Barron,	5 00
Rev. J. Foster,	5 00
Rev. I. T. Tichenor,	5 00
John Stewart,	5 00
Noble L. De Votie,	5 00
A. M. McIver,	5 00
Rev. Sam'l Henderson,	5 00
Dr. Adams,	5 00
Rev. A. A. Connella,	5 00
A. G. McCraw,	5 00
A. Williams,	5 00
Dr. L. B. Lane,	5 00
R. P. Lide,	5 00
Rev. Platt Stout,	1 00
" A. W. Chambliss,	1 00
" J. D. Williams,	1 00
" J. R. Graves,	1 00
Rev. W. B. Jones,	1 05
Wm. E. Chambliss,	1 00

J. C. Foster, jr.	1 00
W. P. Huckins,	2 00
Mrs. Lee,	1 00
Mrs. J. E. Fox,	1 00
N. Smith,	1 00
Rev. Washington Wilkes,	1 00
Geo. W. Brame,	1 00
K. Hawthorn,	1 00
Wm. C. Harris,	1 00
L. Sparks,	2 00
Thomas Howard,	1 00
Wm. Hornbuckle,	1 00
John Talbot,	1 00
M. H. Taliaferro,	1 00
Rev. C. F. Sturges,	1 00
" Wm. Howard,	1 00
" H. Talbird,	2 00
Dr. R. Lide,	1 00
Rev. T. G. Keen,	1 00
" John Dennis,	1 00
Miss Lucy Lee,	1 00
Mrs. E. H. Barron,	2 50
Mrs. Brown,	1 00
Mrs. T. F. Curtis,	2 00
Mrs. C. A. Bailey,	2 00
Mrs. Emily Parrish,	1 00
Mrs. P. Pleasant,	1 00
Mrs. E. B. Teague,	1 00
P. H. Landy,	2 50
Am't rec'd of sun'y pers'ns,	12 05
The following am'ts collected by Rev. J. D. Williams, ag't for the Board:	
Dr. Cullen Battle,	10 00
Wm. Jenkins, sr.	10 00
Mount Zion Church,	7 00
James Herndon,	5 00
R. Mynatt,	1 00
W. R. Stone,	1 00
Mrs. H. E. Reynolds,	5 00
Walker Reynolds,	10 00
Wm. Curry,	5 00
S. Morris,	2 00
Jabez Curry,	50
Rev. Jordan Williams,	50
N. B. Sims,	1 00
Rev. Levi Parks,	5 00
Mrs. M. Parks,	5 00
A. Jones,	3 00
J. Jones,	5 00
Mrs. M. Smith,	1 00
R. Sturdivant,	5 00
Mrs. S. W. Goldsby,	5 00
Mrs. E. Jackson,	1 00
Mrs. E. H. Nance,	1 00
Cash,	50
O. H. Perry,	1 00
S. K. Barton,	2 00

Nov. 11, 1852.

Hon. W. P. Chilton,	5 00
G. B. Nichols,	1 00
Rev. W. Williams,	3 00
Walter Echols,	25 00
I. W. Newman,	5 00
The following amounts collected by Rev. Jesse A. Collins:	
Miss Antinette Brooks, 25 Home; 25 Foreign,	50
Mrs. Frances Gooche, 25 Home; 25 Foreign,	50
Rev. Jesse A. Collins, 50 Home, 50 Foreign,	1 00
A. A. Sterrett, 50 Home; 50 Foreign,	1 02
Joseph H. Castleberry, 50 Home,	50
Miss Nancy Castleberry, 15 Home; 15 Foreign,	30
Mrs. Amanda Munddin, For'n,	25
Mrs. Carolina Davis, "	25
Miss Elizabeth Martin, "	25
Miss Martha Webster, For'n,	10
Miss Druzilla Webster, "	10
Miss Sarah E. Webster, "	05
Henry Webster, "	10
James S. Dyke, "	15
Miss Nancy Dyke, "	10
M. P. Faulkner, "	10
H. A. Halcomb, 5 Home; 15 Foreign,	20
Nov. 11. Cash rec'd of Sam'l H. Fowlkes, Treas'r, of S. B. Convention,	326 11
	$2541 18

1851. CR'S.	
Nov. 4. By am't paid Rev. W. C. Buck, for distribution of the Scriptures in foreign lands,	400 00
1852.	
May 24. By am't remitted Rev. Rufus Babcock, in payment for Bibles,	708 66
Nov. 6. By am't paid Blunt & Tutt, for Bibles purchased by J. H. De Votie,	16 75
Nov. 8. By am't paid, J. D. Williams's salary, as ag't for the Society,	250 00
Nov. 11. By am't paid for publishing Minutes,	15 00
	$1390 41
Balance on hand,	$1150 77

EDW'D A. BLUNT, *Treas'r.*

No. 2. **THIRD ANNUAL REPORT**

To the Alabama Baptist Bible Society, by PLATT STOUT, *Agent of the Southern Baptist Publication Society, embracing condensed statements of the transactions from October 1st,* 1851, *to November 8th,* 1852.

STOCK ACCOUNT.

1851, Oct. 1. On hand, as per annual statement, 491 Bibles, $326 27, and 231 Testaments, $52 56,	$378 83
Nov. 12. Deliv'd Th. Montague, Colport'r at Marion, 7 Test's, $5 45,	5 45
1832, Mar. 12. From J. M. Watt, Librarian Tuskegee Association, 7 Bibles, $16 45, and 2 Testaments, 0 25,	16 70
April 15. From American and Foreign Bible Society, N. Y., 563 Bibles, $160 75, and 874 Testaments, $229 63,	690 38
Sept. 17. From Marion, 28 Bibles, $100 25, and 7 Test's, $5 25,	105 50
Totals—1089 Bibles, $903 72, and 1121 Testaments, $293 14,	$1,196 96
Deduct Sales and Grants, as per Statement, No. 2—261 Bibles, $266 30, and 507 Testaments, $135 60,	$401 90
On hand, 828 Bibles, $637 42, and 614 Testaments, $157 54,	$794 96
Add Invoice of German & Welch, Bibles and Testaments, deposited with T. P. Miller, Mobile,	51 50
	$846 46

SALES AND GRANTS.

By whom dispos'd of.	Bibles. *Sales.* vol.	$ cts.	*Grants.* vol.	$ cts	Test. & Test. & Psalms *Sales.* vol.	$ cts.	*Grants.* vol.	$ cts.	Amounts $ cts.
Abner Dees, Colp'r	32	46 40	18	6 20	47	23 95	55	7 40	83 95
Thos. Montague, "	6	11 75	3	1 10	6	5 10	–	– –	17 95
William Lee, "	5	4 40	–	– –	13	2 60	3	1 35	8 35
M. J. Westmorel'd, "	9	16 80	12	20 00	15	8 35	40	4 95	50 10
Jeremiah Reeves, "	20	27 45	3	1 25	11	8 49	–	– –	37 19
Enoch E. Kirvin, "	24	53 30	6	2 40	97	34 10	15	2 15	91 95
William C. Harris, "	30	15 15	3	1 10	3	– 50	4	– 25	17 00
Y. D. Harrington, "	17	14 45	32	10 65	92	21 88	18	4 65	51 63
Willis Burns, "	3	10 50	4	6 90	–	– –	27	1 45	18 85
P. Stout, agent,	14	8 50	20	8 00	15	3 50	46	4 93	24 93
Total Sales & Grants 261 Bibles, $266 30 507 Tes. & do. & Ps'lms, 135 60 768 vols., $401 90	160	208 70	101	57 60	299	108 47	208	27 13	$401 90

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